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1. The "Meljski Most" (bridge) over the Drava river near Maribor was opened to heavy traffic on 19 January 1947. The bridge, 170m in length, is supported by seven reinforced concrete pillars.
2. A concrete bridge, 56m in length, has been built by the Gladis Company on the Ljubljana - Celje road. The traffic lane is 6m in width and the pedestrian lane is 1.30m.
3. The 160m bridge over the Kupa in Sisak has been reopened to traffic.
4. A new bridge of steel and concrete has been constructed by the Gladis Company to replace the temporary bridge in Kranj. The bridge was built in four sections with a total length of 144m and a width of 14.2m (7.5m for the road traffic lane and 6.7m for pedestrians with sidewalks on each side of the bridge). The maximum load is 100 tons.
5. Accelerated construction of the railroad bridge between Begejevo and Erdut on the Subotica - Osijek line was begun six months ago. The 600m bridge will be on four piers and will also have two ice breaking piers. The steel construction is to be installed in the spring of 1947.
6. A wooden road bridge has been constructed over the Masice river between Masice and Donji Miholjac (Slavonia). In the same area near the village of Vukeyevica (between Masice and Djakevo) a road bridge has been built across the Lapovac river.
7. An important road bridge spanning the Vuka river has been built with bricks and concrete near the village of Ada (near Vukovar).
8. The railroad bridge at Iliđa was opened to traffic in January. The bridge contains 530 cubic meters of reinforced concrete, has four 17.25m openings, and measures in its main span 81m and in total length with approaches 121m.
9. A steel railroad bridge is being built near Zepce on the Bosanski Bred - Sarajevo line. The bridge will rest on five piers in the water and two piers on the banks of the Bosna river. Six sections are planned, two of 26m and four of 20m. The Zepce bridge is scheduled to open for traffic at the beginning of 1947.

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10. A steel railroad bridge over the Neretva has been constructed near the town of Gabela (south of Metar) on the Sarajevo - Dubrovnik line.
11. Over the Bosna river near Maglaj along the Sarajevo - Slavonski Bred line (narrow gauge: 76cm) a new iron railroad bridge is replacing the old one which was damaged. The "Tovornica Vagona" (railroad car construction) is in charge of the construction and repair work.
12. A road bridge has been built in the village of Bieco (Montenegro) over the Neraca river.
13. A stone bridge, 70m in length, has been built at Visegrad.
14. The concrete road bridge near the village of Blate over the Cetina river (which flows into the Adriatic Sea near Omis) has been reopened to traffic. The bridge is 70m in length and 5.50m in width.
15. A concrete road bridge, 35m in length, has been constructed over the Tisa at Zablj (between Novi Sad and Petrograd).
16. The road bridge near the village of Gerebolja (between Kozaga and Arilje) over the western Morava has been reopened to traffic.
17. The bridge crossing the Kladeruba river on the Kozjerac - Valjevo road has been rebuilt of concrete.
18. The 100m "Djelep" railroad bridge near the village of Usce over the Ibar river is in use. The bridge is on the Kraljevo - Maska - Kosevska Mitrevica railroad line.
19. An old railroad bridge near Cerevac on the Mis - Belgrade line has been repaired by using material from the bridge near Supovac.
20. The concrete road bridge which spans the Zapadna Morava near Cacak (Serbia) has been reopened to traffic.

B.. Roads

1. The concrete road between Sesvete (11km east of Zagreb) and Varazdin has been reopened to traffic. This road also connects Zagreb to Varazdin by means of the Zagreb - Sesvete section of the Zagreb - Belgrade highway.
2. A 26km section of the Belgrade - Zagreb - Ljubljana - Trieste autobahn has been reopened to traffic between Ljubljana and Vrhnika.
3. The following roads have been opened to traffic in northern Serbia:

Pozarevac - Vel. Gradiste - Galubac

Zabari - Svilajnac

Vel. Plana - Zabari - Petrovac - Kucevo (A concrete bridge on this highway over the Teka has been rebuilt of concrete).

C. Railroads

1. On the Ogulin - Knin line in southern Croatia repair work of 155km of railroad line (known as "Lokapruga" line) in Lika, with ten bridges of different length, has ended. Among others the Cupkovic viaduct (150m in length) and two bridges over the Lika river (90 and 60m in length) were finished.
2. The Sunja - Banja Luka line connects Banja Luka to Belgrade and Zagreb via Sunja which is on the Belgrade - Zagreb line via Sisak. Near Kostajnica a railroad bridge, 154m in length, was rebuilt.
3. In the construction of the Ljubljana - Trieste line a 12km detour was built around the vulnerable viaduct of Borevnica. This viaduct has since been torn down and the stones used for the reconstruction of neighboring villages.
4. The Niksic - Podgorica line which will connect Podgorica with Bosnia is currently being built. From Niksic the line goes by tunnel, 1230 in length, under the Budes

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and Ostrog mountains and enters the valley of the Zeta river following its left bank. Because of the very mountainous terrain between Niksic and Danilov Grad, eleven tunnels will have to be dug and three bridges built over the Zeta river. The main stations will be Niksic, Danilov Grad, Spuz and Podgorica. At the present time the Budas tunnel and a bridge over the Siane river near Niksic are in the process of construction.

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5. This year the Yugoslav youth are expected to build a railroad from Samac on the Sava to Debej and Sarajevo. The Communist Party and other Yugoslav organizations have started a propaganda campaign for the construction of the line. (Comment: [redacted] on the completion of the Broke - Banovic "Youth Railway Line", it is planned to continue the line to Sarajevo and ultimately to the military-naval base being built at Ploca, north of Dubrovnik).

- D. There is an aerial cable car at Rudno (near Stefija Leka) on Mt. Kalisnik. The length of the run is 1450m, and the daily haul consists of 60 cubic meters of wood.

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